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IMPLEMENTATION OF TINXSYS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the Tax Information Exchange System (TINXSYS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Tax Information Exchange System will facilitate smooth transition to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime;

(d) the updated position regarding the implementation of GST; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the Tax Information Exchange System (TINXSYS) speedily?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a), (b) Government of India and the States together fund on equal basis,a nation-wide computerization project called `Tax Information Exchange System (TINXSYS)` to enable exchange of critical data on inter-state sale among States. This is implemented by the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers.

(c) Tax Information Exchange System is already operational.It presently caters for tracking of inter State transactions on which Central Sales Tax (CST) is levied. The CST being an origin based tax is to be abolished before the destination based GST is put in place.The TINXSYS system,therefore,cannot be put to use in its present form in the GST regime.

(d) The Central Government has declared its policy intent to introduce Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the country w.e.f. 1st April,2010.The Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC) has developed a Model and a Roadmap for the introduction of the GST in the country.EC has released First Discussion paper on GST on 10th November,2009 to obtain feedback from stakeholders.The design details indicated in this paper are being studied by Centre at present.A Joint Working Group of officers of State and Central Government has been constituted to prepare draft Constitutional amendment bill and draft Central and State legislations for GST.

e) TINXSYS is a project that has already been implemented by the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers.